



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Dr. George Frampton, Chief School Certification Officer

DATE: February 19, 2010

SUBJECT: PL 221 School Improvement Plan Change Date
Professional Development Grant DOE-RR

The Office of Accreditation has determined that Spring ISTEP testing and other factors have made a June 30th deadline for submission of a school's required School Improvement Plan (SIP) impractical.

After discussion with school officials throughout the state, the Department has adjusted the submission deadline to September 15, 2010. This will have several benefits:

- Since ISTEP test results will not be available until May 30 for many schools, and
- End of Course Assessment scores will be reported to high schools in Mid August, the adjusted date will allow for full review of the assessment data.
- The adjusted date allows new building administrators assuming their position after July 1 to have greater opportunities for input in the process.
- With budget constraints, the adjusted deadline allows corporations to reduce or eliminate stipends paid to teachers for summer work on the plans.

This change does not mean that buildings should delay working on revisions to their SIP until the start of the 2010-11 year. The delay simply allows schools the opportunity to finalize the document after school begins and test scores have been more closely examined.

New buildings or re-configured buildings will continue to submit their SIP by November 1.

DOE-RR

The Department will discontinue the DOE-RR report. Because we have moved from the three-year cycle to real time accreditation, schools submit their revised School Improvement Plan each year in its entirety. While the SIP is a three-year roadmap, it is a living document that is reviewed and revised each year and continues to be a roadmap for the next three years.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

While the Professional Development Grant (PDG) was funded by the legislature for the two-year biennium, ending with the 2010-2011 school year, the funds for 2009-2010 were frozen and returned to the state's general fund. It is unlikely that this funding will be restored for the 2010-2011 school year. The DOE will not collect PDG applications unless funds are restored.